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In re Application of:

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**AMENDMENT "D"**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments in response to the Office Action  
mailed on December 11, 2007.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which  
begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.